

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Miss Gentle Annie Spring is in town.

British automobilists are to get no more petrol for private motors after April 1.

The St. Louis, the Manchuria and the passenger ship Adriatic, have safely reached English ports.

If the negro exodus continues many agriculturists will have to become farmers to get their crops planted.

Three trains filled with Michigan troops returning from the border, passed through the city Wednesday night.

The British parliament has virtually decided to give suffrage to women, as a result of their war sacrifices and services.

Grains made new record prices in Chicago Thursday. Wheat sold at \$1.99, corn \$1.21, oats 66¢, rye \$1.70 and barley \$1.35.

Crittenden county defeated a \$100,000 good roads bond issue by 500 votes. Only 4 out of 15 precincts favored it, all in Marion.

Congress is to meet Monday. The indications are that Champ Clark will be re-elected Speaker and but little time will be lost in getting down to business.

Emperor Charles, of Austria, and Enver Pasha, the Turkish War Minister, are in Berlin to confer with the Kaiser and Gen. von Hindenburg. There was not much gaiety about the conference.

The 1917 class at Annapolis was graduated Thursday, two months ahead of time. Ten members of the class of 183 will be married this week or next week, establishing a record for graduating classes. Four Kentucky boys will graduate.

The Cadiz Record suggests that a commission be named to decide what offices are useless and recommend to the next Legislature a list of those that should be abolished. A good plan would be to abolish all commissions and offices created since the adoption of the present constitution and take a fresh start. The duties of all of them can be performed, as they once were, by regular State and county officers.

CLOSED LAST NIGHT

Women's Missionary Society Concluded a Profitable Meeting.

A Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisville Conference closed its sessions last night with the same interest and enthusiasm that had characterized the session for three days.

The published program was carried out with but few changes. The day meetings were practically all day, as the ladies of the church served luncheon in the church each day at noon.

Miss Mabel Head, a returned missionary from China, was the principal speaker Thursday night and her talk on the work in the Orient was heard with the keenest interest.

Yesterday was devoted to the receiving of reports, adopting resolutions and other routine business. The visitors will return to their homes today.

Dr. Jenkins Re-elected.

Dawson Springs, Ky., March 30.—Dr. Judson C. Jenkins, who for the past nine years has served as superintendent of the Dawson Springs High School, was unanimously re-elected for 1918 at a meeting of the School Board Monday. The following teachers were also re-elected: Miss Venerah Lutz, Miss Catherine Braun, Everett Howton and Miss Mary E. Chambers.

HOLLWEG'S TALK DODGES ISSUE

President Will Deal With Fundamentals of American Liberty and Safety.

SITUATION IS UNCHANGED

Officials Believe U. S. Must Unite With Democracies Against Autocracies.

Washington, Mar. 30.—While it is assumed from the defensive measure already taken by the military arm of the government that President Wilson in addressing congress next week, will ask for war against Germany or a declaration that a state of war exists, it is known that he will speak along broad lines, dealing lightly with incidents leading up to the present crisis.

The general situation has not been changed by the speech of the German chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, according to the view tonight of officials who read portions of the address dealing with the United States and submarine warfare.

Germany, it was said, has consistently attempted to lay the blame for her acts on other nations. On previous occasions President Wilson has taken the position that Germany is in no way justified in carrying on submarine ruthlessness because of the British blockade.

Only complete abandonment of unrestricted submarine warfare could change the attitude of the United States, it has been said semi-officially recently, and press reports indicate that the German chancellor did not even discuss that possibility.

The greatest point under consideration by the administration at the present time is whether Germany has not unmistakably shown, through a long succession of violations of international law, that the United States must definitely unite with the liberal democracies of the world against the four most complete autocracies, both for its present and its future safety. All hope has been lost, as shown in the note to Germany as to the treaty of 1828, in the good faith of the present German rulers. The Belgian invasion and deportations, the ruthless submarine warfare, the attempts to embroil neutral countries in plots, and the general conduct of the war have convinced many officials that the German military system as at present directed is a permanent danger to the world's peace.

German plots in this country, running back almost to the beginning of the war and finally culminating in the Zimmerman note to ally Japan and Mexico in war against this country, are regarded as evidence of the evil of the general system.

J. P. WILLIAMS DIES IN PADUCAH

Former Resident of Trigg County and Well Known Here.

John P. Williams, who for a number of years resided near Montgomery, Trigg county, died in Paducah on the 23rd inst., of Bright's disease, aged 67 years. He had been a resident of Paducah for several years, making his home with one of his daughters. Mr. Williams was a member of the Baptist church. He was a native of Tennessee, but had lived in Kentucky nearly all his life. The interment took place at Paducah.

PROMINENT MAN DEAD.

Chas. H. Gibson, Sr., President of the Louisville Bridge Co., and a prominent lawyer, died Thursday, aged 68 years.

NEW FACTORY COMING HERE

Overalls Factory Is Assured As An Addition To the City's Enterprises.

THE CONDITIONS ARE MET

Will Come Without Delay and Employ Many Women.

The Buck Brand Overalls Factory, now at Lewisburg, Ky., will establish its plant in this city. This is virtually assured, as all conditions have been complied with. The Lewisburg Leader says that the home plant there will not be removed, but a larger plant will be established here to meet the demands of a rapid growing trade. The plant will work mostly women and will employ 50 to 75 hands to start with.

Hopkinsville won the question of location over Owensboro, Henderson and Bowling Green.

Messrs. Yates and Browning were here two weeks ago and stated their proposition.

REBUILDING STORE ROOM.

The building on the corner of Ninth and Clay streets, recently damaged by fire, is being torn down to be rebuilt and remodeled. It was formerly occupied by E. Tanner's dry goods store.

WITH SHOTGUN BESIDE HIM

Mr. Washington Menser Was Found Dead In His Home.

Washington Menser, a farmer of the Mannington neighborhood, was found dead on a bed in his home, Wednesday. His wife and son had left home a little while before and he was alone at the time. They were still within hearing of the house and rushed back when hearing the report of the gun. Mr. Menser was lying dead with a single barrel shotgun beside him, shot in the breast. He left no statement to indicate that it was suicide. Funeral services were held the following day.

Mr. Menser was 40 years old and was a prominent and respected citizen of his neighborhood.

DR. ISBELL'S STOCK SALE

To Be Held in This City on Wednesday, April 18th.

Dr. G. P. Isbell will have a sale of stock, consisting of brood mares, stallions, business and pleasure horses and a few ponies, on Wednesday, April 18. This sale follows closely the Tennessee sale in Nashville, which is just a week before, and is expected to draw largely from southern buyers who will attend that sale. The same auctioneer will make this sale, also. Consignments are solicited by Dr. Isbell and the forthcoming sale here promises to be a big one. Already several horses from Logan county and some from Warren and Muhlenberg have been consigned.

ARM BROKEN.

Twyman Hammond, a young son of W. H. Hammond, fell while skating on roller skates, a few nights ago, and broke one of his arms.

The human voice is produced by fourteen different muscles.

TURMOIL IN SPAIN

Unrest That May Precede a Revolution Like Russia Had.

GENERAL STRIKE BREWING

Internal Dissensions Because of the War Policy Aggravated By Food Shortage.

Paris, Mar. 30.—While a Havas dispatch from Madrid announces the publication of a decree suspending the constitutional guarantees throughout Spain, it gives no reason for this act. The Temps, however, reports that conferences have been going on at the "house of the people" in Madrid between delegations of trades unions who were organizing a general strike.

The newspaper adds that on account of the economic crisis in Spain, the government has taken a firm yet conciliatory attitude. It has instructed the governors of the provinces to report immediately to Madrid the situation of the unemployed, classifying them according to trades.

The Temps says the economic difficulties in Spain are due partly to Germany's submarine blockade interrupting exports and imports. It adds that the situation in the Canary islands by the reason of the submarine blockade is extremely distressing.

PRELIMINARY MONDAY NIGHT

To Select An Oratorical Contestant at Paducah, Early In May.

Monday night will take place the annual preliminary contest to choose the representative of the High School in the Western Kentucky Oratorical Contest, which will be held at Paducah, early in May. The contest promises to be the most hotly contested of any held here in many years. There are four contestants, Henry Abernathy, Wallace Henderson, Ben King Harned and John Hanbery. Two of these are Seniors and two are Juniors, so the contest will be not only for the personal honor that goes with victory but also the honor that will go to the class of the winner. The boys have been practicing faithfully and no matter who wins the school feels that it will have a representative who will be able to take his stand in the "hall of fame" along with the others who have represented the Orange and Black in years past.

The subjects of the contestants are: Henry Abernathy—"The New South."

Wallace Henderson—"Dreams."

Ben King Harned—"Patriotism."

John Hanbery—"Liberty."

Yesterday the Annual Older Boys' conference convened at Paducah. Several local boys are attending. The conference is for the uplift of the young men of Kentucky and is under the direction of the State Y. M. C. A. The boys will be entertained by the people of Paducah and there will be a big banquet given by the Rotary Club. The conference will last through Sunday.

MUST PAY ON ALL.

A special from Frankfort says that affirming the Franklin Circuit Court in the case of the Hillman Land and Iron Company against the Commonwealth, the Appellate Court held that a corporation must pay a license tax of thirty cents on the \$1,000 authorized capital stock. The company insisted that it had to pay only on the issued capital stock. The court held that the taxes must be paid on the authorized capital stock not issued.

A STREAM OF GOLD

Flows On From The Tobacco Growers' Horn Of Plenty.

ANOTHER MILLION WEEK

The Prices Firm At The Last Week's High Figures.

Million by million the tobacco sales increase and the golden stream flows on from the farmers' horn of plenty.

The total is now running far beyond the entire season's record last year. Another million week was enjoyed by the loose floors and the price was once more well above the average of ten cents, making the week's transactions \$113,600 on the loose floors alone. Prices are firm at last week's quotations:

LOOSE FLOORS.

Week Ending, Mch. 29, 1917.
Sales for week 1,136,100 lbs.
Sales for season 12,533,800 lbs.
Sales this date, 1916 9,907,600 lbs.
Average for this week \$10.24
Average for this season \$10.47
Quotations are as follows:
Trash \$9.00 to \$9.50.
Com Lugs \$9.50 to \$9.75
Med Lugs \$9.75 to \$10.00
Good Lugs \$10.00 to \$10.50
Fine Lugs
Low Leaf \$9.75 to \$10.50
Com Leaf \$10.50 to \$11.00
Medium Leaf \$11.00 to \$12.00.
Good Leaf \$12.00 to \$14.00
Fine Leaf, \$14 to \$16.
H. H. ABERNATHY,
Secretary.

The one fly in the farmers' ointment is the growing apprehensions felt over the hegra of negroes. Load after load departs for the north and east until only the old and second quality hands are left on some farms. With preparations going on for a banner crop, the labor shortage is not pleasing, in view of the further fact that many young white men may answer a call for volunteer soldiers in case of war.

HOUSEBREAKING.

The bowling alley on Main street was broken into Wednesday night, and about \$8 was taken from a slot machine, which was broken open with a stone. A rear window was broken out.

DOCK BOND GETS 5 YEARS

For His Attack on Constable Tom Winfree With a Corn Knife.

The trial of Dock Bond, who assaulted constable T. S. Winfree with a corn knife and came near killing him, was concluded Wednesday evening and the jury without much delay brought in a verdict giving Bond the maximum sentence of 5 years. Bond's wife and several small children were present in court, giving evidences of poverty, and sympathy was felt for them, but the commonwealth made out a very strong case. Mr. Winfree went to Bond's house in an official capacity and levied on some corn and after he started out, Bond attacked him viciously from behind his back, almost splitting his skull on one side and inflicting wounds that endangered his life. Other witnesses testified that the attack was unprovoked and apparently murderous.

Yesterday some commonwealth cases were tried and several fines imposed in some of them. No important cases were tried.

The Herald says 1,500 dozen eggs were brought to Hartford one day last week.

HOLY LAND THE SCENE

Of Another Successful Drive By The British Troops.

TURKS PUT TO ROUTE

British Make Only Advance in France--Neville Bourjonval Is Captured.

For the first time since the British and French troops began their seizure of ground between Arras and Soissons, evacuated by the Germans, a period of comparative calm has set in. The only advance recorded by either the British or French war offices is the capture of the village of Neville Bourjonval, about ten miles northwest of Roisel, by the troops of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig. Artillery activity is reported from the front held by the French troops, still being quite violent in Champagne on the sector of Maisons de Champagne, around Hill 304 near Verdun, and in Dorraine near Emmerant.

Along the eastern front in Russia, the situation remains unchanged, the Russian and Austro-German armies being virtually inactive owing to the thaw. Petrograd reports the repulse of Russian attacks along the Onega and Csobayos rivers in Rumania, but says the Russians put down an attempt by the Teutonic allies to advance along the Fokshani-Tecutich road.

TURKISH ARMY DEFEATED.

The British forces operating in Palestine have made an advance of fifteen miles against the Turks, capturing the entire staff of the fifty-third Turkish division, including a general and 900 men.

Enver Pasha, the Turkish minister of war has visited German army headquarters to confer with Emperor William, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff, first quartermaster general.

The Austrians are keeping up their offensive against the Italians on the eastern front in the Austro-Italian theater. After having for several days heavily shelled positions on the Carso front, the Austrians delivered an attack but met with repulse, according to the Italian war office.

Nothing new has come through concerning the operations in Macedonia.

RECITAL 'AT BETHE'

Excellent Work Of Young Ladies In Voice And Other Instruments.

Bethel Woman's College, students gave a recital at the college last night which was as usual a very pleasing musical and literary treat. There were lovely violin and piano numbers and songs and readings.

On the violin Miss Mattie Walker is playing was very sweet and among the performers on piano were Misses Lena Gray Annis, Ruth Wilson, Virginia Bumpus, Elizabeth Taylor, Emma Lillian Pearcy, Ruby Vass, Marie Crutchfield, Mary Claypool and Charline Nunn.

Misses Taylor Poole, Elizabeth Haynes and Imogene Gaines in Reading and Misses Ruth Major and Imogene Gaines in voice all elicited much praise for their work.

Buys Kenner Farm.

William E. Jesup, of Hopkinsville, has purchased the Kenner farm, about 120 acres, a mile east of city. It is understood that the plan which has been allowed to deteriorate of late years, will be extensively improved by the new owner.—Peters broke Journal.